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England to be sold, and one-half to my children Ruth and James Eaton and the child my wife now goeth with when 21 or day of marriage, or survivors; if they die, one half of their portion to my relations, and the other half to my wife Deborah. The other half of my estate to my wife Deborah Eaton; and a house in Great Yarmouth given me by my father to go to my children. To my mother Dinah Eaton £5. To my Mother Deborah Buckwell 40s. To my mother Sarah Slaughter 40s. To my Brother John Eaton 40s. To my first wife's daughter Mary Wilmore 40s. Executrix: Wife Deborah Eaton. Overseers: Mr. Thomas Peacock of Buttolph Wharf, London, Wharfinger. Mr. William Laite, Senior, of the Same, Cheesemonger, Mr. James Buckwell of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, Surrey, Shipwright, and my Brother Joseph Eaton of St. Mary Magdalen, Surrey, Mariner. Witnesses: Samnel Bosworth, Bartholomew Hopkins, John Fuller, Scr.

Hale, 47.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

A DUEL IN PETERSBURG 1786.

"On Sunday morning a Duel was fought near this town, between Dr. S—— and Col. J. J——. On the first discharge, Dr. S—— received a ball in the right arm. After discharging nine shots, the Seconds interfered, which terminated the affair in an amicable and honorable manner.

(From The *Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer*, Petersburg Sept. 28, 1786).

[The parties to the duel were Col. Joseph Jones, and, probably, Dr. John Shore.]

MORGAN.

COLUMBUS, GA., February 26th, 1904.

Below you will find a record of Benjamin Morgan, taken from the monument over his grave, and desiring to verify his being a Soldier of the Revolution, I will appreciate your advising if your records show anything bearing on this man's service.

" In Memory
 of
 Benj. Morgan Born Oct 10th, 1762.
 Died Sept 29th, 1841.
 Was a native of Virginia
 A Soldier of the Revolution.
 Firm in the defence of liberty
 a constant friend to the honest poor.
 He married Elizabeth Kemper of Fauquier County, Va.,
 in 1782. They emigrated to S. C. in 1805,
 where she died in 1821."

You may have some record of the Kemper's of Fauquier County being in the Revolutionary Army, if so will be obliged for any information you can give me.

L. A. CAMP.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Organization May 22, 1749. The justices were George Carrington, Thomas Turpin, Nicholas Davies, Wade Netherland, Alexander Trent, Archibald Cary, Creed Haskins, James Terry, Benjamin Harris and William Bernard, gentlemen.

George Nicholas produced a commission from Thomas Nelson, Esq., deputy secretary of the colony appointing him clerk of the county.

John Woodson, Bowker Smith and Thomas Bedford also qualified as justices.

Stephen Bedford qualified as sheriff and George Carrington as surveyor of the county.

Nov. 27, 1749, Stephen Hughes, brother and heir at law of Ashford Hughes, deceased, affirmed (he being a Quaker) and was granted administration on the estate of the said Ashford Hughes.

ORDER OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COURT AS TO FEES.

At a Court held for Chesterfield county, June 3, 1774.

PRESENT :

Arch. Cary,	John Archer,
Joseph Bass,	Thos. Wooldridge,
Benj. Branch,	Robt. Goode,
Francis Goode,	Jacob Ashhurst,
David Holt,	John Bott,
	Geo. Clemer, Justices.

Whereas the act of the General Assembly for better regulating and Collecting certain Officers Fees and other purposes therein Mentioned made in the Nineteenth year of his late Majesty's Reign and the Act made in the twelfth Year of his present Majesty's reign for further continuing and amending the said Act, did expire on the twelfth day of

April last. And Whereas the Right to establish Fees or Taxes to be paid by the people to the Several officers or Ministers whose offices do any way concern the Administration or Execution of Justice within this Colony is peculiar and essential to the Legislative authority and cannot be exercised legally by this or any other Court. It is the unanimous opinion of this Court that they have not any power to order the Fees formerly settled by the said Expired Acts to be Charged or allowed for any Services performed or to be performed by the Officers of this Court since the Expiration of the said Acts. And they do order that no such Fees be taxed to the Judgments or Decrees of this Court or inserted in the Executions sued out thereupon until the General Assembly shall reenact and allow such Fees. [At the session of Oct., 1777, an act was passed reviving the fee-bill referred to].

WILLOUGHBY.—Letter from Samuel Mathews to the Court of Lower Norfolk County, recorded June, 1650.

You will take notice that Thomas Willoughby by his last will has appointed his son Thomas Willoughby his sole administrator, not to act without approbation of said Mathews until son was 21 years of age.

Speaks of Thos. Willoughby, Jr., as being very young for the charge. Letter dated April 20, 1650.—*Lower Norfolk Records*.

GOODRICH.—June 17, 1652, certificate from court of Lower Norfolk to Thomas Goodrich, gent, of the importation of himself, Anne his wife, seven negroes and four other persons — *Lower Norfolk Records*.

MILITIA OFFICERS OF POWHATAN COUNTY, 1777-1778.

July 17, 1777. William Fleming, Esq, recommended as Lieutenant of the County [his commission signed by Patrick Henry still exists], Littlebury Mosby as Colonel, John Harris as Lieutenant Colonel and Edward Haskins as Major.

August 21, 1777. The above named officers produced their commissions and qualified by taking the oaths.

Thomas Harris and William Mayo qualified as captains, Poindexter Mosby, and Thomas Haskins as captains. George Williams and John Moseley recommended as lieutenants, John Povall as ensign, Thomas Stegar as 1st Lt., Joseph Mayo as 2d Lt., Robt. Smith as ensign, Josiah Turpin and Edward Munford as lieutenants and Triplett Merriott as ensign in captain Poindexter Mosby's company. Isaac Porter and George Smith as lieutenants and George Stovall Smith as ensign in Captain Thomas Harris' company: Richard Crump as captain, Edmund Vaughan as 1st Lt., James Drake as 2d Lt., and Samuel Hyde Saunders as ensign in the company formerly commanded by captain William Gay, resigned.

Robert Hughes as captain, John Swan as 1st Lt., Edmund Logwood as 2d Lt., and Wm. Poor as ensign.

Dec. 18, 1777. William Poor recommended as 1st Lt., Hans Stegar as 2d Lt., and David Hughes as ensign. William Poor qualified.

March 19, 1778. John Moseley qualified as lieutenant.

May 21, 1778. George Smith as lieutenant, Isaac Porter as lieutenant Edward Munford as captain, Benjamin Moseley as lieutenant—qualified.

Vincent Markhan recommended as 1st Lt., in Munford's company, and Edward Cox as Lt., in Crump's company, and Markhan qualified.

George Williams recommended as captain in the room of Thomas Harris, John Moseley, Jr., as 1st Lt., in the room of George Williams, John Povall as 2d Lt., in the room of Moseley, and Gideon Crockett as ensign in the room of Povall.—*Records of Powhatan County.*

CURTIS FAMILY.

Recently I have been interested in tracing the family of Col. Rice Curtis, Burgess for Spotsylvania county, during the XXXII and XXXIII Assemblies and possibly the XXXIV.

I read in the "Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.," Vols. V, p. 344 and XIII, 59-62, the notice of Maj. Thomas Curtis, the emigrant, and therefore send you some notes I took about thirty years ago.

Col. Robert Curtis, of Gloucester county, Va., who died some sixty-five years ago, had a MS, giving his direct descent from Maj. Curtis. Col. Curtis's brother-in-law, the late Maj. John Henry Fitzhugh, of Austin, Texas, had a copy of this MS. The time I saw it, it was mutilated and so badly damaged by water that only the first page could be deciphered.

The paper showed that Major Thomas Curtis had five sons and two daughters as follows: Children of Maj. Thomas Curtis, of Gloucester county, Va., and Avarilla his wife.

1. ——— Curtis who m ———; 2. Giles Curtis who married Mary ———; 3. Charles Curtis who married R ———; 4. James Curtis who married Eliz ———; 5. ——— Curtis who married M ———; 6. Avarilla Curtis who married Ro ——— Bri ———; 7. Sarah Curtis who married 1st ———, and who married 2nd Richard Perr ———.

Giles^s, Charles^s and James^s moved to Middlesex county.

Giles^s Curtis had sons, Rice^s and James^s and a daughter Jane^s.

Charles^s had a son James and a daughter Avarilla^s. James had sons, Thomas^s and James^s and a daughter Agatha.

I could make nothing more of this paper, it was so faded and blotted by water stains. Major Fitzhugh, who was born and raised in Middlesex county, Va., told me that he had made this copy of Col. Curtis' MS when he (Fitzhugh) was a young man and did not remember its contents.

W. W. FONTAINE,
Galveston, Texas.

DAWSON FAMILY.

EDITORS VIRGINIA MAGAZINE:

Three names in the Census of Gloucester county attract my attention: Leonard, Thomas and James Dawson.

I am anxious to find the ancestors of a James Dawson, of Virginia, place of residence unknown until 1808. The birth of one of his children is recorded as at Lynchburg, Va., 1808.

Having reason to hope that the father of James, of the inclosed list, is one of the persons whose names appear in the Census, I will be greatly favored if you will insert this in your Query Column, or shall be greatly indebted for a reply from your Genealogist, identifying the two: *James Dawson*, born in Virginia, October 11, 1781; wife, *Phebe Walker*, born in Virginia, April 20, 1788.

Children: Walker, Lucretia, *John Dabney*, born December 27, 1808, Lynchburg, Va.; Josephine, born October 22, 1810; Joel Watkins, James Wade, Susan, Rhoda, Mary Eliza.

The family moved to Danville, Kentucky, 1812 or 1814, where Josephine Dawson married William H. Strong, June 7, 1832; issue, nine children.

James William Strong married Eliza Jane Hedenburg, June 24, 1856, whose descendants are trying to find their Virginia ancestors on their Dawson line. Any information very gratefully received in the Query Column of Virginia Magazine. R. M. B.

STONE FAMILY.—Rev. E. A. Stone, D. D., 1014 Madison street, La Porte, Indiana, has arranged, from legal evidences, a genealogical chart of the descendants of Governor William Stone, of Maryland, down to 1800. Those interested should correspond with Dr. Stone.

MICHAEL MUSGRAVE'S WILL.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Michael Musgrave, of the Parish of Pienketank, on the River Rappahannock, in the county of Middlesex, Virginia, being in very good health, perfect memory and understanding, praised be to Almighty God for the same, considering with myself the frailty of human life, and that all flesh must yield to death, but the time thereof being very uncertain, do thereof, whilst I do continue in my perfect memory and understanding and to avoid controversy that may otherwise after my decease arise, constitute, ordain and appoint these parties to be my true last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.:

Imprimis. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Saviour and Redeemer, and He who created me and all mankind. Hoping through the alone merits and mediations of Jesus Christ my

alone Saviour and Redeemer to be raised at the General Day of Resurrection, and to be received into His heavenly mansion, where there is fullness of joy and bliss forever. Amen.

As to my worldly estate I dispose of it as follows, viz.: I doe order and appoint that my just debts be first paid and satisfied, and if there be any overplus, do give and bequeath the same unto my daughter, Elizabeth Musgrave, who troubles me to think of what poor condition she is here in England, leaving her here in the city of London, in the house of John Holmes, Plumstreet Court, near Holbourne Ridge, in the Parish of St. Andrew, there to be nursed, taught, and brought up, and I shall while I am in the present world, use my utmost diligence in maintaining my aforesaid child whilst I have life, and in case I dye whilst going over the sea to Virginia or doe otherwise that well I desire my aforesaid daughter, Elizabeth Musgrave, may be possessed with all my worldly estate, both real and personal, both in Virginia and elsewhere, after all my aforesaid lawful debts are fully satisfied, being able to do littel more for her in this present world, leaving her to the care and protection of that God with whom I shall shortly be.

And, lastly, I doe make, so constitute and ordain, and appoint my dear and loving brother, Mr. Thomas Musgrave, minister of Woolbed, in the county of Sussex, near the towne of Midhurst, and my well beloved friend, Mr. Will Newbon, Grocer, situated in the Parish of St. Giles, Cripplegate, full and sole executors of this my last will and testament, not doubting in the least but that having been so extraordinarily kind to me and mine whilst living they will not prove otherwise to my dear child after my decease. And further I do annul, frustrate and make void all former wills made by me, either by writing or by word of mouth, and doe pronounce and declare these presents to be my only last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this one and twenty day of December, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven, (?) one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine.

MICHAEL MUSGROVE.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Michael Musgrave, in the presence of us,

EDMOND TIBBY,
MICHAEL PIEMAN,
SAMUEL TIBBY.

(26th Jan., 1695.) Proved 26th Jan., 1697, by Thomas Musgrave, one of the executors named in the will, power reserved to make a like grant to Will Newton, &c. (15 Lort.)

(See Va. Magazine, XII, 207, &c.)